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A MILLION FOR ENGLAND

America Will Pay Beavy Indemnity to Great Britain.

BEHRING SEA CLAIMS ACCOUNT

Arbitration Commissioners' Work Completed and Reports Soon to Be Made to the Respective Governments-Money Will Be Paid Six Months After Final Decision.

Boston, Dec. 20 .- After a week of conferences to this city. Justices Putnam and King, the commissioners for the United States and Canada, respectively, in the arbitration of the Pehring Sca claims, have completed their work for the present at de it is understood, will soon begin the preparation of their reports to their respective governments.

The Behring Sea claims, which President Cleveland proposed to settle for \$425. 000, have now aggregated more than \$800,000, with interest for ten years. That the amount of indennity paid by the United States to Great Britain will be much larger than was at first expected is apparent from the evidence already sub ndtted. While some of the claims will be disallowed, the total is nearly, if not quite, a million dollars, in case the interest asked is allowed by the commis-

It is not possible to state at this time what clain's have been ruled out or whether it will be necessary to refer any of the claims to the arbitration of a third commissioner, who is to be appointed by the president of Switzerland, in case such an appointment is found necessary. But may be stated in a general way that the conferences of the two commissioners have been of the most satisfactory character. The commissioners have gone over the disputed claims step by step, reviewing the evidence as in the case of a law court. It is understood that the agreement as to the amount of indemnity claimed has been reported in all but a few cases, and these are ikely to be settled without the appointment of the umpire provided for in the convention. The claim was made in Congress that all the cases had not been properly it.vestigated at the time President Cleveland wisted to make a settlement, and that the amounts in some of the cases were large and included awards to Americans who were part owners of scaling vessels This has been the source of greatest difficulty in determining the award, but investigation has shown that the indemnity will, in most cases, he more than was pro-In the sattlement proceedings. An informal conference of the commissioners may be necessary before the reports to the two governments are made but it is expected that a satisfactory adjustment of all the claims will be re-

The au ount awarded to Great Britain will be raid within six months of the time when the final decision is reported. whether it is made by the two congulssioners of by an umpire.

FATAL PISTOL HANDLING.

A Boy of Fourteen Kills a Child Aged Five.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 20.-Jack McIntosh fourteer years old, shot and killed Willie Jackson, a little boy under five. at Cherau today. McIntesh had an old pistol, which he was flourishing, and bystanders made him put it back in his Later, when there was no one to interfere, he put a builet through his little companion's head. On the version of a coroner's jury McIntosh was com On the verdict mitted to bil.

Open Evenings.

LIST TO STUDY

Christmas gifts. Study it well -Note the prices. Remember them when you are pricing goods. They will prove to you how immeasurably chea;er we sell than anyone else, You are freely welcome to credit without extra cost,

Massive Oak Extension Table . fin\$6.50 Very large and handsome Oak Dintog Room Chair, finely finish ...\$1.25

Magnificent Combination Desk and Book Case.....\$16.50 A very handsome large Mnhogany ...\$16.50 Chiffoniers, in oak or mahogany finish, with glass.\$7,50 Five-drawer Oak Chiffonier. \$2,98 White Enamel Fed......\$5.98

Large Parlor Heating Stove. . \$5,50 Very Pretty Brass Parlor Extremely Fine Quartered Oak China Closet, with round class Fine \$4 Colobler Seat Rocker. \$1.75 Ladies' Handsome Oak or Ma-logany Desk, with brass rail. \$5.50

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FREIGHT TRAIN'S MAD CAREER. It Runs Away, Descending a Moun tain With Fatal Results.

Altoona, Pa., Dec. 20 .- A runa way freight train of thi-ty-four cars, loaded with grain and merchandise, crashed into a second train loaded with dressed beef, op-posite the Pennsylvania Railroad station early tonight.

oel Custer, a drover, from Hagerstown, Ind., in charge of a carload of chickens, was killed, and the following persons injured:

Engineer F. S. Burke, of this city, ba.-Fireman William Lovell, head cut and

Bert. Holt. slightly out and bruised. James Prentiss, stightly cut. John McFail, slightly cut. The last three were tramps,

NOT A PROSPERITY SIGN.

New Rampshire Cotton Mills Re-

di ce Workmen's Wages, Manchester, N. H., Dec. 26 .- Notices have been posted in the Stark and Amory mills of this city and at the Clima. Webster and Perbroke Cotton Mills, at Suncook, annooneing a reduction in the wages of the operatives of about 10 per cent. to go into effect January 1.

The primary reason for the reduction is operatives, with a payroll amounting to about \$27,000, will be affected by the announcement at Suncook and about the same number here. It is understood that they will accept the out.

BETTING ODDS ON QUINCY

Democrats Confident of Electing Him Mayor of Boston.

Republicans Expressing Hope, But Without Figures to Back Up Confidence.

Boston, Dec. 20.-President John B. Lee. of the Democratic city committee, estimat : that about 86,000 votes, or 84 per cent of the total number registered, will be polled at the municipal election tomorrow. Of this number he says that Mayor Quincy will receive about 44,000, leaving 42,000 to be divided between Curtis, Riley and Goldstein. Heniso Says that Mayot Quincy's plurality over Curtis will be at least 7,000.

The shrewdest political observers are giving odds of 10 to 7 on Quincy's election, and very little Republican money is forthcoming, even at these figures. The Republicans have not given up hope.

however, and figure on the success of their man by a small plurality. They pin their faith on the candidacy of Riley. Democrat, and on the fact that at the State election in September Gov. Wolcoff carried the city by nearly 6, voo votes.

The Democrats, on the other hand, so to an increased registration of 7,990, 75 per cent Democratic, to the 25,000 voters who did not go to the polls in election day, but who are coming out tomorrow, and of whom they say the majority is Democratic, to the personal weakness of Curtis, and to the large Republican contingent which is supporting Quincy.

At the Patker House a let of \$1.)00 to \$700 was placed, but the stock exchange was the best place for bets today. One prominent broker is said to have registered a let of \$1,000 to \$700 in favor of Quincy, and another offered \$100 to \$50 and wa

The Republicans will sorely elect seven of the twelve aldermen, while the Demoerats will retain control of the concouncil. The city will vote "yes" as asual on the license question.

THE OLIVE PECKER TRAGEDY.

Trial of John Anderson for Murlering the Mate of the Schooner. Nor!olk, Va., Dec. 20.-In the Federal

court this morning, Judges Goff and Hughes presiding, an actual beginning was made in the case of John Anderson now on Itial for the murder of Mate William W. Saunders, of the schooner

George McIntosh, counsel for the accused, expected to prove that Andersen had been subjected to unbeard-of and un paralleled cruelty, and that he had acted purely in gelf-defense.

The defense was furnished with the riginal papers in the examination of the Pecker ciew before the United States consul at Pania. Several witnesses gave testimony similar to that, after which court adjourned until tomorrow.

Cincinnati. O., Dec. 20.-At a special meeting of the American Turf Congress to-day Pimico alleged violation of the winter racing rules was considered. The lecision reinstated the track and persons and horses that participated in such racing to all the rights and privileges on the tracks of the congress, on the ground that the racing was not with intent to break the rules. congress reaffirmed its opposition to winter racing. The Harlem track at Chi-cago was admitted. The application for reinstatement of J. Brannon, accused of uplication in the famous Polk Badget case several years ago, wa 'ringer' eferred to a committee to report Januar v 10.

Mrs. Nack's Arraignment. New York, Dec. 20,-Mrs. Augusta Nack will probably be arraigned January 3. It is understood that Mrs. Nack permitted to plead guilty to manslaughter

in the first degree Leaf Tobacco From Havana New York, Dec. 20 .- The Ward Line steamer Segutanea, which arrived this morning from Havana, had on board 882 bales of leaf tobacco. This was the second shipment which has reached here since Gen. Weyler's recall.

Do you know that you can have The Morning, Evening and Sunda; Times-the only COMPLETE news paper published in Washingtonserved to you by carrier for fifty cents a month?

Holiday Rates to Fort Monroe and Norfolk.

Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Company will sell tickets to above points December 22, 23 and 24, good to re-turn until January 2, inclusive, at \$3.50 for the round trip.

Weather strips, cent and a half a

HE KNOWS OF NO FRAUD

Ex-Clerk Gideon Makes an Emphatic Denial.

WAS A VOLUNTARY WITNESS

Senate Subcommitte e on Pacific Rail roads Finds the Land Office Attache Ready to Testify When I: Assen bles-Mistakes, Perhaps, But No Wrongdoing, He Avers.

The testimony taken by the Senate sub committee on Pacific Railroads yester day morning was only another illustration of the fact that there are always two sides to every case.

When Mr. Thomas Reddington appears i on Saturday II was thought that a pasing name of information was about to be opened. Mr. Reddington started in well He promised n.ech valuable information but when he was excused by the commit tee it was found that he had related his views and ideas and testified as to his beliefs instead of giving the body a single tangible clev.

Mr. Reddington rattled off many naucudoes and intimations of fraud, h which he coupled the names of certain exofficials and finally, wound up by telling the committee that if it would turn over its whole business to him he would guarante to unearth frauds that would save vast sums of money, send several men to the pen itentiary and bring into the Treasury of the United States several hundred than sand dollars, all of which he would do, he said, for a consideration.

The chief agent in this avalanche of fraud which has swept over the land office was a clerk of the name of F. M. Gideon, whose whereabouts, Mr. Reddington said, was a mystery, but who could be located if he was given the proper authority to hant for him.

Mr. Reddington, in repty to an inquiry by Senator Foraker, chairman of the sub committee, frankly admitted that money would be required, but Mr. Reddington left the committee room without having been engaged and with the committee in the dark as to the whereabouts of the myserious Mr. Gideon.

That mystery was solved when the committee met yesterday niorning. When the members arrived at 11 o'clock they found a Mr. Gideon awaiting them, and that, too, without even the formality of a sum mens. Mr. Gideon had heard of the state-ments of Mr. Reddington and was there to refute them. He was not a mythica personage, nor was his whereabouts sur ounded in investery. It turned out that L lived right here in Washington, and that within a very few bours after Mr. Reddington had testified, he knew what le had said and I ad made up his mind to seek vindication. Thus was one witness se cured by the committee without a particle of effort and without the expenditure of a cent of the Government funds and the straining of an undue amount of effort on the part of the telegraph companies. The committee had made up its collective mind to have Mr. Gideon if it had to usue

general search warrant. Mr. Gideon was told what Mr. Redding ton had testified to, and the witness en-tered a denial, both general and specific. He said that he came to Washington and entered the Government services in General Laud Office, in 1883, where, after short service, he was put to work to organize a division at the head of which he remained until 1888, when the work was practically completed, and he was made a clerk. A few days after the Presidential election of 1892, he said that he tendered his resignation, for the reason that he "raw the handwriting on the wail and supposed that clerks of opposite polities would have to go." After his tirement from the Government service Mr Gideon said that he became connected with the Southern Pacific road, and represented them before the Land Office. In this ca-pacity he served about two years, Neither while in the Government service nor since had he ever teen Mr. Reddington, and he would not he said, know him if he

In answer to specific questions by Chairthat he had never taken any books away from the department; bad never falsitied any records; had never received any amount f money from any person, and had never made any confession that he had, as was intimated in the testimony of Mr. Redding ton. There was, he said, no truth in the statement, not any foundation for it. The charge had been especially made in consection with the patent of lands to the Californie and Oregon road, and this was section of the country which the witness id had never come under his direction His territory was the State of Wisconsin principally, although at one time he some work in connection with the land grants in the State of Washington. In all its work in the department Mr. Gideon said he had nothing to do with the issue of the patents, that was done by another

division of the office. Coming back to the question of fraud Mr. Gideon said that he had never, while ie was in the service of the Governmen seen anything that looked like crooked He had at one time been approached on an unimportant matter and a suggestion made to him which was not acted upon. It had nothing to do with the mat ters under investigation, and the witess said that he would rather not say anything about it. The committee did not press him for an explanation as it was

not essential. In the course of his examination. Mr Gideon showed how impossible it was for the records to be falsified as has been testified by Mr. Reddington. He said that if there was fraud it must begin in the office of the local register of the land office. The lists were sent from the local offices to the General Land Office, where bey were examined for conflicting claims Then they were examined by the mineral and swamp divisions to see if the lands were exempt under the laws applicable to that character of land. To do this cemen. A report from each was required and after all their reports had been madand the matter was passed upon by the Commissioner the case went to he Secretary for his approval. Unless there was a system that included all of these officials Mr. Gideon said it would be impossible for fraud to exist. The witness said that he would give the shrewdest attorney in ta-

Picture molding, either pine or

city a year's time and would then dery

There could be no fraud be contended mless the whole thing was rotten and that had not beer intimated by anybody. It was as difficult, to secure a fraudulent land patent as it was to secure money from the Bureau of Engraving and Print-ing. Mistakes might occur as the result

of misinterpretation of the laws governin the issue of the patents, but fraud could not creep in in any other manner. Mr. Oldeon said that he knew of some wrongful issue of patents, but none were secured corruptly. These wrongful is seen were, as a role, corrected by the department.

One case in point used to illustrate thi class was that of the patent of fands at the Vancouver-terminus of the Northern Pacific road. It related to the proper survey of a triangle, and was contested before the department. The witness at the time represented the settlers who were contesting the rational company, and after two adverse decisions, he said that he finally secured one in favor of the settlers, but while it was petaling on appeal, the patent was issued to the raffroad company He did not chi fraud there, but insisted that there had cen a mistake of some character The land involved aggregated between 30,000 and 40,060 acres. The department

had since recommended suit to recover the Mr. Alexander Britton, a well-knowe torney of this city, was also called. He knew of no fracels, and related the modus operandi of securing patents. In this he corroborated the statements of Mr. Gideor and said it would be almost impossible to secure patents through fraud.

LAURIER-FOSTER LETTERS

Reply of Canada's Representative to the American Envoy.

The Conference Must Precede Sus pension of Pelagie Scaling, He Says.

Ottawa Decl 20. The Hon. John W. Foster's publication of the correspondence between himself and the Right Bon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier created great surprise here, as the correspondence was confident tol-Sir Willrid Laurier declined to give out he correspondence. Mr. Foster has given out Sir Wilfrid's letter and his own cepty. but he has chosen to refrain from giving out the memorandum dated November 16. to which the Canadian letter of Nover

24 is a reply.

The effect of this memorandum was: "First, that the governments of Great Britain and the United States agree to modus vivendi providing for uspension of the lifting of seals in all the waters of the Pacific Ocean and the Schring Sea for one year from December. 1897, and for the suspension of all killing of senis on the Prybilof Islands for the came period.

"Seco-d, that the British ambassador and one or more representatives of the Cana-dian government and such representative or representatives as may be designated by tion with a view to settlement by means of treaty stipulations the fur seal question, the protection of fish in the waters of rivers and takes contiguous to the United States and Canada, the subject of reciprocal emigration, commercial reciprocity or any other unsettled question be-

tween the United States and Canada " Canada's reply was that the sealing con ference must precede the suspension industry not for one year, but three.

DEFIESTHELAWSOFKANSAS

An Insurance Company Refuses to Allow an Investigation.

Will Withdraw From the State Rather Than Permit Its Books to Undergo Examination.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 20 .- President Ratterson, of the 'Travelers' Insurance Company, of Hartford, Conn., rather than submit to an examination of the company's books by State Superintendent McNall. today announced that on December 31 his company would withdraw from the

State. The company sought protection in the Federal courts and was beaten. A week ago McNall listed the company's estate in Kansas, and was ready to start men out to appraise it. This caused President Batterson to give up the fight. Goy, Leedy, Mr. McNall, and the State officers say this is a great victory over a corporation that sought to disregard the laws of Kansas.

COMMISSIONER EVANS SILENT. Will Not Discuss the San's Exposure

of Pension Frauds. Commissioner of Pensions II. Cia'v Evans was asked last night what he thought of the story published in The Times, and also in the New York Sun, charging gigantic pension frauds, exposed by the Sun. "Haven't read it," responded the Com-nissioner. "That is," continued he, "I read the headlines and glanced at the first paragraph. Oh, they're wild; they're way off on that story. I'm going to read

Republican Policy Causes Suicide. New York, Pec. 20,-William Hanson, an ecentric old man, committed saidle in his room, on Vanderbilt avenue, Brooklyn last night. He left a letter to his landlady, explaining that he was tired of being an object of charity. He also de ciated that the financial policy of the Republican party has been so infamous and unjust that he censed to support it.

The Appomattox Disabled.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 20. A private telegram received here says that the Chesaneake and Ohio steamship Appl mattox was reported 300 miles west of Fastnet with a broken shaft. The Fur-ness steamship Virginian is lying alongside the disabled steamship, and it is believed that an attempt is being made to repair the damage.

IVY BUSINESS COLLEGE-8th and K. one better, \$25 a year; day or night. North Carolina flooring \$1.50 per

BIG FIRE IN BALTIMORE

Crook, Horner & Co.'s Warehouse Entirely Destroyed.

FLAMES RAGED FOR HOURS

The Most Prominent Business Part of the City Saved Only by the Firemen's Headwork - General Alarm Sounded-Sick People and Cripples Removed.

Paltimore, Dec. 20 -- For two hours this afternoon a serious conflagration threat ened the business center of this city. Shortly before 6 o'clock fire started in the six-story building of Crook, Horner & Co., at Heward and Saratoga streets. The flames raged fiercely, endangering life and property on all sides. Only the prompt action of the fire department prevented a greater loss than \$100,000.

Crook. Horner & Co. are the most exten sive manufacturers in Faltimore. Their big building contained more than 300 tons of weighty appliances. Directly in the rear of their structure were several tenement houses, the apartments of which were occupied by eight families, of who several members were bedridden. Th flames, however, were confined to the

warehouse, which was entirely destrayed A general alarm brought out every fire company, but it was not until 9 o'clock this evening that the flames were under control. While the fire was raging at its height sick people and cripples were removed to places of safety.

TRIED TO SHOOT HIS ACCUSERS Thrilling Incident at the Stein-O'Neil Trial at Atlanta.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 20 -- Excit-ment is ntense here tonight over unexpected de velopments in the Stein-O'Nell trouble which means one, and possibly two duels. The trial of Stein and O'Neil took pla e this afternoon, the charge being a breach of the peace.

O'Neil was fined heavily, while Stei was dircharged.

O'Neit's Counsel denounced Stein as a liar, ex-convict and murderer. Stein responded in like fashion, and only the fact that he was bemmed in on all sides by officers prevented his shooting his accusers. Fearful of trouble the officials de-tained Stein for some time after the op-

posing party had gone. duary arrangements are now pro gressing toward a duel, and there is no reason to doubt that one will not take

CROWD HOOTED M. ZOLA. Hostile Exclamations at the Funeral

of Daudet. Paris, Dec. 20.-The funeral of M. Al onse Daudet, the distinguished povelist and dramatic author, who died suddenly on Thursday evening last took place to lay and was very impressive.

Nearly everybody who is noted in litera are and art attended. M. Hanetaux, minister of foreign af fairs, and M. Rambaud, minister of publi instruction and worship, represented the

government. President Faure sent a secretary as his personal representative. A compa-infantry rendered military bonors.

From the church the cortege proceeded o the Cemetery of Pere la Chalse, where M. Zola delivered the principal oration The crowd hooted M. Zola on accounof his attitude in the Drevfus case.

ENORMOUS CRACKER COMBINE Objects of a Big Bakery Deal An nounced by a Member.

New York, Dec. 20 .- 3. S. Marvin, president of the United States Bakery Com pany, of Pittsburg, says the combination of the three great cracker companies just effected in this city will probably have its headquarters here. The concern is capital ized at \$55,000,000, and the companies composing it are the New York Biscuit Company, the American Baking Company and the United States Bakery Company. The object of the new company is to invade foreign markets. The concern is to be co-operative, the employes to be allowed to invest their surplus earnings

TROLLEY ACCIDENT.

Every Passenger Injured and the Car Burned.

in stock.

Philadelphia, Dec. 20 .- This afternoon trolley accident occurred on the Wissahickon Electric Passenger Railway, which may result in the loss of two lives. Every passenger was hurt, some seriously, and The dangerously the car was burned. injured are: Justice Laymond, conductor left leg and right arm crushed; Hiram Van Fassen, motorman, incerated wounds

of the head. The car got beyond control in descend ing a grade, and, bounding from the track

Three Skaters Drowned.

Tonawanda, N. Y., Dec. 20 .- While four oung people were skating on the Ellicott reek, between this village and Transit, tonight, the ice broke and all were plunged into the water. Three were drowned. The dead arc: William Newman, aged nineteer years; Rose Newman, aged sixteen years, and Michael Coleman, aged twenty year-The fourth member of the party, Miss Liz :ie oleman, was rescued.

Pingree Charges Bribery. Detroit, Mich., Dec. 20.-Gov. Pingree rough Col En Sutton, of his staff, today charged in public print that a local politician and contractor named Otto E. Guelich, of fered him a bribe of valuable asphalt de posits in Venezueln. The consideration was an appointment of commissioner of the

board of public works, when Pingree was

Aid for Holy Land Pilgrims. Albany, N. Y., Dec. 20 .- The American congregation of the Pride of Jerusalem was incorporated today to aid indigent Jews residen in Jerosalem and Palestin by means of money collections among Jews in the United States. The movement is to encourage the so-called Zionist movement and support pilgrimages from this

mayor of Detroit.

country to Jerusalem and Palestine. N. C. shelving, 12 inches wide, 2c TO CIRCUMVENT UNCLE SAM.

Canadians Find a Way to Prevent Retaliation

Toronto, Ontario, Dec. 20 .- The Canadians have found a way to prevent, in future, the exportation of pine logs from Ontario to the United States without bringing about the retaliation decided upon by Congress some time ago, to the effect that when an export duty was placed by Canada on logs. an excess duty would be placed on manufactured lumber coming from Canada equ to the duty so placed on logs.

The minister of crown lands in the On-tario legislature today presented a bill announcing that the government's policy in the matter is that all licer pine logs in Ontarios issued April 30 next. shall contain a provision enforcing the manufacture of the pine logs into boards

POPE IN EXCELLENT HEALTH

So Says Bishop Emard, of Quebe.

Recently From the Vatican, New York, Pec. 20.-Bisbon Emard, of Valley Field, province of Quebec, who arrived here on La Normandle from Havre today, described his visit to Pope Leo. "The pope is in excellent health." he said. "I had an audience of an hour and ten minutes with him, and his vivality was as great as ever. He asked question incessantly. His boliness seems to know everybody everywhere and follows the

events of the world with avidity." If the pope discussed with Bishop Smard the Manitoba scinol question and otors questions affecting the state and church in Canada, the hishop was careful not to reveal the fact.

BUSINESS MEN PROTEST

Merchants of Savannah Do Not Want Colored Officials.

Declare No One Has the Moral Right to Impose Objectionable Persons Upon the Community.

Savannab, Ga., Dec. 20 .- A meeting of the most infigential business men of the city was held today at the Sarannah Cotton Exchange. The members of this organization and of the board of trade met to offer a formal protest against the appointment of a negro postmaster or collector of the port here. Lengthy resolutions were adopted, in which this language, aimed at the candidacy of J. R. Deveaux, for the colectorship, occurs:

"The war ended thirty-two years ago. If there is any sincerity in the frequent protestations that we are now considered an integral part of this country, and not as a subjugated province to be ruled at the caprice of the conqueror, in disregard of our wistes and sentiments and prejudices, then the President and Senate have no moral right, whatever their arbitrary power may be, to impose upon this community officers to whom it has a settled

and abiding objection." A resolution was also adopted, calling upon the mayor and aldermen to make an official protest against the appointment

ITALIAN DEPUTIES MEET. First Gathering Since the New

Ministry Was Formed. Rome, Dec. 20 .- The Chamber of Depus met today for the first time since the new ministry was formed. A resolution that was tantamount to

a declaration of want of confidence in the new government was submitted by Signor Colombo, and it was rejected by the narrow margin of sixteen.

There is much excitement in political circles ewing to the narrow escape of the

government from defeat. It is the impression in parliamentar; circles that Prime Minister Rudini will not resign.

PANDO ENGAGES GARCIA.

Official Report of a Battle at Canto River. Havana, Dec. 20.-A hard battle has

been fought at the Cauto River. It has been expected for several days, as the result of Gen. Pande's campaign against Gen. Garcia Only the official report of the battle given out by the staff of the captain-general s known here lonight.

It says that Gen. Pando won the en-trance to the river after a fight, in which the Spanish losses were 119-21 soldiers and 2 criptains being killed and 92 soldiers, ! surgeon, I captain and 2 lieuten-ants severely wounded. The insurgeou losses, says the official report, were also The Spanish gunboats Luisa, Centinela.

and Diego Velazquez took a prominent part in the battle, and saved several smaller vessels, which capsized after the explosion of torpedoes by the insur-These gunbouts captured three large Cuban torpedoes. Gen. Pando reports the capture of arms

The war in the East is assuming very rious proportions.

ACTOR RATCLIFFE TESTIFIES. Flatly Denies the Truth of His

Wife's Accusations New York, Dec. 20.-Edward J. Rateliffe, the actor, charged with wife beatng, was subjected to a vigorous cross examination today by the prosecuting attorney Ratcliffe maintained that all he accusations by his wife were untrue He flatty denied that he had ever struck his wife, and declared the charges were being pushed by Mr. De Lacey, who never

Yellow Fever Expert Assaulted. Savannah, Ga., Dec. 20.—Dr. George H Stone was assaulted by Grantham I. Taggart, on Bull street, the most prominent thoroughfare of this city, this afternoon Dr. Stone is the famous Georgia yellow fever expert, and returned only a short time ago from the infected district.

Do you know that you can have The Morning, Evening and Sunday Times-the only COMPLETE news paper published in Washington-served to you by carrier for fifty cents a month?

Select Cypress 5 cents per foot,

JOAQUIN RUIZ SURELY DEAD

Shot by Order of Arangueren

ONE CENT.

STORY OF THEIR INTERVIEW

for Offering Autonomy.

The Spanish General Faced the Insurgent Rillemen and Died Without Flinching-Statement of the Press Censor-Documents Found on the Body Taken to Havana,

Havana, via Key West, Dec. 20.-The New York San correspondent has just returned from Campo Fiorido, Havana province, having spent Saturday and Sunday four miles from there in the camp of Col. Nestor Arangueren. Col. Nestor Arangueren was not shot by Gen. Alejandro Rofriguez, as reported. He ordered his men to shoot Jonquin Ruis on Tuesday hast, and declares that he did so only to comply with the preciamation issued on November 20, and signed by all the leaders of the Cuban army, in the province of Havana, includ-

ing Arangueren himseif. When Col. Ruiz approached him two miles from Campo Florido on Tuesday aftermon, Arangueren said to him:

"It is a sad duty for me to shoot you, but you are a military man, and you must know

what military duty is." Arangueren regretted the necessity of shooting Ruiz, and was much impressed by the recollection of the tragic scene. Buiz wasshot, but the two men who accompanied bins as guides were hanged. It is certain that Rule had told Captain-General Blanco that he could convince Arangueren of the advantage of surrendering and accepting

"I know his good heart," said Ruiz to Blanco, "and I can induce him to abandon his folly and come tack to Havana with

me. I will bring him to your palace." Ruiz wrote to Arangueren, asking him to meet him on December 9, two miles from Campo Fiorido. Arangueren sent this letter to Gen. Alejandro Rodriguez, commander of the insurgents in Havana province, and awaited orders. On December 9. Gen. Alejandro Rodriguez had not replied, and Arangueren did not go to the appointed place to meet Ruiz, ter returned to Campo Florido in the evening, wrote another letter to Arangueren and avaited an answer until Sunday,

December 12. Ou Saturday Arangueren received the following message from A lejando Rodriguez: "Do as you please, but if he offers

utenomy, do your duty." Arangueren sent a copy of this order to Rulz, with these words: "If you desire to talk about the independence of Cubaor as a friend. I will see you tomorrow.

If not, for God's sake do not come." As soon as he received this letter, on Monday, December 13, Ruiz breakfasted at the station restautant in Campo Phorrio and started to meet Arangueren. His guides ost their way, and found the appointed place only the next day at dawn. Arangueren was there with fourteen men. The two nieti shook hands in a friendly nuanner.

Ruiz said. "Nestor, I come here for you. Return with me to Havana and let us embrace one arother as a treaty of peace." Arangueren grew pale and Ruiz can-

tinued: "What more do you want than autors omy?" At these words a Cubon advanced from

Arangueren's lines and said firmly:

"Colonel. I remind you of your orders." It was Capt. Acosta. Arangueron's second. Then Arangueren repeated the words quoted above to Ruiz, and Ruiz was executiod. Acosta himself said that Ruly dist

bravely. He refused to be fied, and faced

the rifles of the four insurgents who killed him without flinching. Today the press censor gives out the following statement in Havsma "Officially, the death of Col. Ruiz is not confirmed It is known, however, that the scoretary of the American con sulate has brought back from Campo

Florido clothing, which, the secretary says,

belonged to Ruiz. He furthermore save

that on the outskirts of Campo Florido the persons he met assured him that Ruiz had been shot by the insurgents." Juan Manuel Chacon, who went to Campo Florido with Gen. Lec's secretary, also

brought some documents found on Sniz's body. The situation of the Cuban army in Havana province, as seen by your correspondent, is very difficult in respect of the food supply. The troops are compelled to make long marches to find anything to eat. The country has been laid waste by Gen. Weyler to an incredible extent. Many patriots have died from hunger, and of the expedition landed in this province about two months ago under Gen. Rafael De-Cardenas, only five survive, including t :

leader. REPORTS TO THE JUNTA.

No Advices to Justify the Story of

Arangueren Being Shot. New York, Dec. 20,-Delegate Estrada. Paima, of the junts, discredited today-the report that Col. Arangueren had been shot for accepting autonomy. Gabriel de Cardenas, Marquis of Campo Florido, who arrived in this city two weeks ago, from Cot. Arangueren's army, said.
"The last words I heard from Arangueren

were these.
""If my own father should come to me to invite me to betray our cause, I would carry out the law on him." "

Ex-Congressman Daniels Dead Buffalo. Dec. 20.- Ex-Congressman tharks Daniels died at 6 o'clock this evening it his office, where he was stricken with apoplexy four hours before. He was

monscious for three hours before he cled. 10-inch white pine shelving 2 cents